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Assignee Name: International Business Machines Corporation  
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For: System and Method for Purchasing Ticket Items with User-Negotiated Security Features

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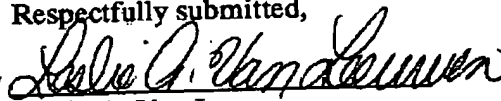
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

A. **INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action having a mailing date of November 2, 2004, with a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on February 2, 2005, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the outstanding rejections and reexamination of the present application in light of the following remarks and amendments.

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